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MT. ERIN CEMETERY
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1844

A granite monument (c. 1896) marks the location of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. Called St. James the Less, the church, believed to have been a frame structure, was ready for services in 1844. This church was a predecessor of St. Patrick's, Havre de Grace.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Erin Cemetery (Site of first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Grace View Drive, south side, about 0.3 miles east of rt. 155

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

VICINITY OF

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mt Erin Cemetery

c/o St Patrick's Catholic Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

615 Congress Ave

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

— EXCELLENT
— ~~GOOD~~
— FAIR

— DETERIORATED
— RUINS
— UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

X UNALTERED
— ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
— MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At Mt. Erin Cemetery is the site of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. The cemetery is located on hill in the north of Havre de Grace which looks south, southeast to the Chesapeake Bay. It is on the south side of Grace View Drive, less than 1/2 a mile E. of Rt. 155. A granite monument with a Latin cross on top off it was erected in 1896 to mark the location of the first church. The monument has inscriptions on the eastern and western sides. The eastern face reads " Here stood the First Catholic Church at Havre de Grace, Md., built Anno Domini '43-1845- 43' by Rev. Jas. Reid. This stone erected Nov. 10, 1896, James P. Fitzgerald, Pastor."

A cast iron entrance stands at the west end of the cemetery and a frame gazebo, painted green, with a hipped wood shingle roof is in the center of the grave yard. The cemetery is divided into two sections; the westerly section, in which the monument marking the site of the first church is located, is the Roman Catholic Burial ground, belonging to St Patrick's Church, whereas the eastern section, marked St James, belongs to St James A.M.E. Church (HA-1156).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A granite marker in Mt. Erin Cemetery erected in 1896 marks the location of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. Early parish records indicate that the church was named St James the Less. On March 17, 1842, Father James Reid purchased fourteen lots (lots 15-28, square 4 of Reed's addition) from Ezra Reed and Eliza, his wife, of Havre de Grace. The land records reads " for \$150.00 and the further consideration that a church be dedicated for the service of God." The church is believed to have been a small frame structure for which the cornerstone was laid in 1843, and services were conducted in by 1844. A small rectangular stone marker with a Latin inscription (possibly a cornerstone) is in the ground a few feet east of the granite memorial. Perhaps because the Mt. Erin location was so far from town, a stone church called St Patricks was erected in 1847-1850. Today the foundations of the church, surmounted by a later structure, and the rectory (HA-1175) can be seen on the corner of N. Stokes and Warren Sts. The present St. Patrick's was built in 1907.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
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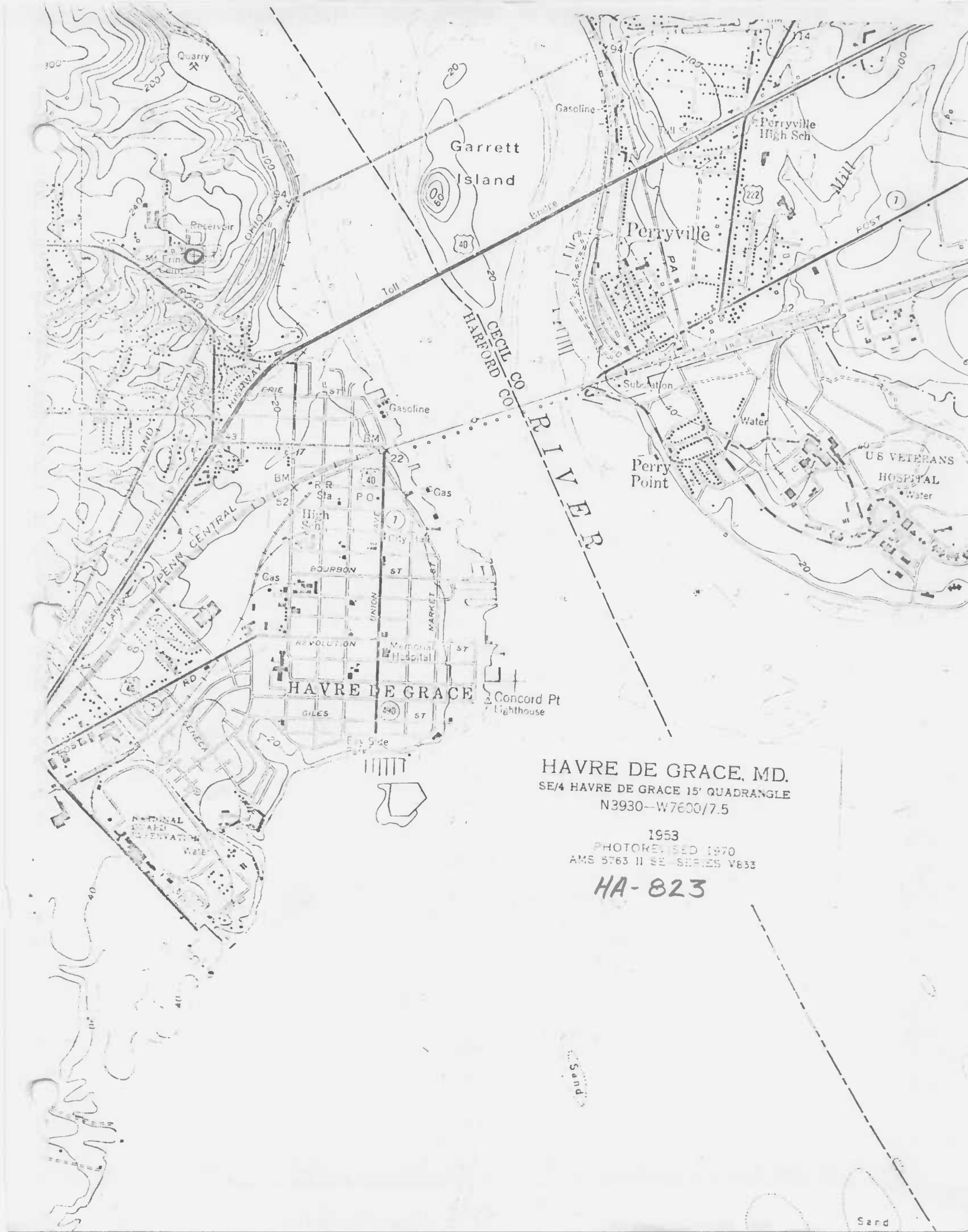
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CITY OR TOWN	Annapolis	STATE	MD.

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MT. ERIN CEMETERY HA-823

MONUMENT

off Graceview Drive

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MAZION MORTON

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